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ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1731

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5788.0111-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.

Application No.: 09/465,016

Filed: December 16, 1999

FEDERAL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING  
AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM BY  
COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: J. Hoffmann

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Sir:

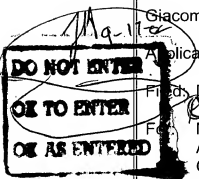
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In reply to the Final Office Action of May 9, 2002, the period of response extended two additional months to October 9, 2002, by the accompanying petition and fee of \$400.00, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Method for manufacturing a glass preform by depositing an aerosol stream of glass particles onto a target, which comprises:



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